

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

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1. A content providing method of a content provider, comprising
providing a requested content service to a
10 user's portable telephone when a menu registration identifier, which menu registration identifier indicates that the user's portable telephone is registered for the requested content service in a user menu information database of a communications
15 carrier, is contained in a content-requesting signal transmitted from the user's portable telephone to the content provider.

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2. A content providing method of a content provider, comprising
requesting a communications carrier to register
25 a user's portable telephone in a user menu information database, when a menu registration identifier, which menu registration identifier indicates that the user's portable telephone is registered in the user menu information database of
30 the communications carrier for a requested content service, is not contained in a content-requesting signal transmitted from the user's portable telephone to the content provider.

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3. A registration method of a user menu information database of a communications carrier, comprising:

5 requesting a user to register,
 adding a menu registration identifier to a
 content-requesting signal, which content-requesting
 signal contains user identification information and
 a content identifier received from a content
10 provider when the user completes registration in the
 user menu information database, and
 transmitting the content-requesting signal
 to the content provider;
 wherein the content provider requests
15 registration of the user in the user menu
 information database pursuant to receiving the
 content-requesting signal from a portable telephone
 of the user.

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 4. The registration method for the user
 menu information database as claimed in claim 3,
25 wherein the menu registration identifier is added to
 the content-requesting signal, which content-
 requesting signal contains the user identification
 information and the content identifier received from
 the content provider, and the content-requesting
30 signal is transmitted to the content provider if the
 user is registered in the user menu information
 database.

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5. A content providing program that is executable by a computer, comprising:

5 a receiving step for receiving a content-requesting signal transmitted by a user's portable telephone,

10 a menu identifier determining step for determining whether the content-requesting signal contains a menu registration identifier that indicates that the user's portable telephone is registered in a user menu information database that registers users of content services, the user menu information database being prepared by a communications carrier, and

15 a content-providing step for providing the user's portable telephone with the content service when the menu identifier determining step determines that the menu registration identifier is contained in the content-requesting signal.

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6. The content providing program as claimed in claim 5, further comprising

25 a requesting step for requesting registration of the user's portable telephone in the user menu information database of the communications carrier when the menu identifier determining step determines that the menu registration identifier is not
30 contained in the content-requesting signal.

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7. A content requesting program of a communications carrier, the program being computer-executable, comprising

5 a transmitting step for adding a menu registration identifier, which menu registration identifier indicates that a user is registered in a user menu information database, to a content-requesting signal that requests a content service of a content provider, the content-requesting signal
10 being transmitted by the user accessing the content service by selecting a desired content service from a content services list displayed on a user menu; and transmitting the content-requesting signal to the content provider.

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20 8. A user registration program of a communications carrier, which is computer-executable, comprising:

a registration request processing step for a content provider requesting that a user's portable
25 telephone be registered in a user menu information database, the content provider receiving a content-requesting signal from the user's portable telephone,

a registration step for registering the user's portable telephone in the user menu
30 information database, and

a transmitting step for adding a menu registration identifier to the content-requesting signal, which content-requesting signal contains user identification information and a content
35 identifier received from the content provider, and transmitting the content-requesting signal to the content provider.

5 9. The user registration program of the
communications carrier as claimed in claim 8,
wherein the transmitting step adds the menu
registration identifier to the content-requesting
signal, which content-requesting signal contains the
10 user identification information and the content
identifier received from the content provider,
without performing registration request processing
of the user's portable telephone, and transmits the
content-requesting signal to the content provider if
15 the user's portable telephone is already registered
in the user menu information database.

20 10. An invoicing program of the
communications carrier, wherein an access log
information database is installed for collecting
logs about communications and use of the content
25 services, further comprising
a step for adding content charges to
communication charges of the user's portable
telephone with reference to the access log
information database and the user menu information
30 database, the user menu information database
registering the user's portable telephone using the
user registration program according to claim 8 or
claim 9.

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